

DEAD MAN ROBBED IN PARK.

EVEN PISTOL WITH WHICH BE

It Looked Like a Murder at First, but the Police Afterward Called It a Suicide and Laid the Robbery to the "Scouts"

A dead man with a pistol shot wound over the heart was found at 9 o'clock yesterday morning a short distance from the summer house in Central Park and not far from the Fifth Avenue and 66th street entrance. Thomas McCall, a Park laborer, was walking about picking up scattered paper when he discovered the body lying on a heap of cut grass. He notified Policeman James McDonnell, who got help and removed the body to the Arsenal basement.

The exact position was that the man had committed suicide, but, when no pistol could be found after a diligent search made in the neighborhood, the police became suspicious as to the manner of his death. This suspicion was made stronger by the fact that the pockets of the man's trousers were turned inside out. It was evident that he had been shot after he had left his pockets empty. Chief Thomas of the Park squad detailed two of his detectives to make an investigation and also notified Police Officer Gray. The two Detectives, McCall and Gray were assigned to the case.

A closer examination of the body showed

and the bullet had not gone through the man's head, but it had struck the back of the skull and underbrain. It did not seem possible for an enemy to have shot the man in this way. The left side of his shirt neck was torn and the bullet had penetrated, though the pistol had been held close to the body. From the appearance of the body, it was evident that the man had been dead for several hours.

No one thereabouts had heard a pistol shot. The body was hidden from the view of the police on the morning walk for a clump of bushes.

The police said last night that they were sure that the man had been shot by a woman and that she had been standing by and watched him die. They said that she had searched his clothing and robbed him of his valuables, if he had any, and carried off his watch and a ring. They said that she was a "scound" who are in the habit of going through Central Park early in the morning looking for any article of value which might be found lying about.

They go from bench to bench and know all the romantic spots in the park where a young man might be seen sitting and looking for lost jewelry and money. They would not hesitate to rob the dead, though probably they would not be courageous enough to rob a living man.

Nothing of value was found in the man's clothing. He had only one cent in his pocket.

His identity. He looked like a German and from his appearance was probably a mechanic. He was about 45 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighed about 180 pounds. He had thick brown hair, a brown moustache and brown eyes. He wore a gray checked coat, brown waistcoat, black trousers, a long tail and wore a turn-down collar, and a black derby hat.

The body was taken to the Morgue.

SAYS ACTOR HURT HIS BOY.

Cook Slept Beneath a Sidewalk Opening and Things Were Dropped on Him.

Augustus Cook, an actor, of 103 West Eighty-ninth street, at present appearing in a stock company at the New Theatre, yesterday afternoon on a cot in the cellar on the Twenty-fourth street side of the theatre building. The cot was directly under a sidewalk ventilator that had been left open. The children of the neighborhood were not long in discovering the sleeping actor. They removed his clothing, which was clad in stage boots and a bathrobe.

A number of little boys and girls, ranging

According to the actor, they began to throw things. This occurred took Cook and he ran up the stairs to the second floor of the John J. Conway, 7 years old, of 125 West Twenty-fourth street.

According to witnesses, Cook grabbed the girl by the waist and tossed him up in the air, catching him as he fell. Then he pushed him down and went back into the room. Cook said he did not know why he didn't get up. His sister and another little girl supported him home, where he was seized with vomiting fits and seemed badly hurt.

A New York Hospital ambulance was called and the doctor said he was suffering from concussion of the brain. Cook's father, who is a night watchman, asked a policeman to arrest Cook, but as the policeman had not seen the assault, he refused to do so.

Cook, who is a well-known character actor, was arrested in September, 1907, for the murder of a woman, and was sentenced to William H. Hall, a well-to-do builder.

He was released and later his wife began suit for divorce. She was his second wife.

His first marriage, made in 1892, was a success.

The first Mrs. Cook and Miss Hall fought a long Cook's affair for a while later got divorce.

At the time of his recent Cook was playing in "The Circus Girl" at Daly's Theatre. He played the character of Ned in Kathryn Kidder's company in "Madame Sans Gêne." He has played in vaudeville much of the time lately.

STREET CAR RIOTS IN INDIANAPOLIS

Caused by Attempt to Run Cars in Spite of Smallpox Quarantine.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 3.—The efforts of the Indianapolis and Western Traction Company last night and to-day to run its cars between Knightstown and Greenfield in spite of a smallpox quarantine declared by the health officers of the latter city against the former led to serious rioting at different places along the line and to the destruction of property. At Knightstown the cars were fired at the company's mess hall, and the car windows were knocked out. C. H. Kirkpatrick, one of the directors of the company, was shot under the right eye and seriously injured.

At Knightstown the cars were on the track for half a mile and when the cars came to a stop they were surrounded by 200 excited people who threw stones, revolvers and clubs at the cars and stores. A deputy sheriff boarded the

car and tried to arrest the conductor and motorman, but the passengers interfered. The track was wadded and the car finally made its way to Greenfield, the rioters shooting into it as it left.

Many of the farmers of the surrounding country gathered and remained till noon today, when the Sheriff arrived and swore in fifty deputy sheriffs to accompany them. He agreed not to run any more cars to Knightstown and the excitement subsided. But the Sheriff and his deputies are still guarding the tracks to prevent cars passing.

Latest Marine Intelligence.

Arrived, SS Perunissa, Glasgow, July 24, 88. Washington, Rotterdam, July 24, SS Standard, speed 24. SS Curitiba, Glasgow, July 30. SS Horatio Hall, Portland, Aug. 1, 88. Glasgow, Georgetown, July 31. SS Perunissa, Rotterdam, speed 20. A. G. Maria Kalmar, Montevideo, June 16.

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